

Amendments to the claims:

1. A power tool with a first operating switch (107) for turning the power tool (100) on and off, wherein the power tool (100) includes a second operating switch (108) for turning the power tool on and off, and wherein the first operating switch (107) and the second operating switch (108) are mechanically coupled with each other via a flexible connecting element (113).
2. (original) The power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first operating switch (107) and the second operating switch (108) are positioned essentially at right angles to each other.
3. (previously presented) The power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the power tool (100) includes a side handle (103) and a top handle (102), the first operating switch (107) being located on the side handle (103), and the second operating switch (108) being located on the top handle (102).
4. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim 3, wherein the side handle (103) and the top handle (102) transition into each other, thereby essentially forming a right angle (106), the first operating switch (107) and the second operating switch (108) being located on ~~diametrically opposed~~ opposing surfaces (109, 110) in within this angle (106).
5. (canceled)
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7. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim 1 6,
wherein the connecting element (113) is made of sheet metal.
8. (currently amended) The power tool as recited in Claim 1 6,
wherein the power tool (100) includes a guide (117, 118) for the connecting
element (113).
9. (previously presented) The power tool as recited in Claim 1,
wherein the first operating switch (107) is connected with an adjusting slide
(114), the adjusting slide (114) converting a motion of the first operating switch
(107) into an electrical variable.
10. (previously presented) The power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein
the power tool (100) is a jigsaw.
11. (new) The power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first operating
switch and the second operating switch are each directly fastened to the flexible
connecting element.
12. (new) The power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the flexible
connecting element has a top end and a lower end and a first flat sheet surface
and a second flat sheet surface, and wherein the first operating switch is
fastened to the lower end, the second operating switch is connected to the top
end, and both of the operating switches are fastened to the same flat sheet
surface.

13. (new) The power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein engagement of either one of the first and second operating switches will turn on the tool.

14. (new) The power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the flexible connecting element is curved and defines an obtuse angle.